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SUBJECT: BASC MEETING ON SOVIET 4 SEPTEMBER PROPOSALS

1. ALLIED CHIEF CONTROLLERS MET WITH SOVIET CHIEF CONTROLLER FOR ONE HOUR AT 1200, FEBRUARY 19, TO HEAR OUT SEPTEMBER 4 PROPOSALS. SOVIET CHIEF CONTROLLER WAS UNHAPPY OVER FIVE-MONTH DELAY BUT WAS ASSURED AT END OF MEETING THAT ALLIES HOPED TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE RESPONSE VERY SOON.

2. SOVIET PRESENTATION BROUGHT OUT LITTLE NEW OR SURPRISING. IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTION ON VOR/DME APPROACH AT TEMPELHOF, SOVIETS SAID PROPOSED REALIGNMENT PERTAINED ONLY TO THIS ONE APPROACH. IN DISCUSSING LOCAL FLIGHTS, SOVIETS SAID AREA SOUTH OF SCHOENEFELD WAS PRIMARY PROBLEM, BUT ALLEGED SOME NEAR MISSES HAD OCCURRED ELSEWHERE AS
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WELL, AND SOME LOCAL FLIGHTS HAD VIOLATED TWO-MILE

AREA AROUND SCHOENEFELD. SOVIETS ADDED THAT THIS TWO-MILE AREA WAS ESTABLISHED WHEN AIRCRAFT WERE SLOWER AND SMALLER AND MIGHT NOW BE OUTDATED. SOVIETS SAID THEY WOULD LIKE MANSBACH BEACON TIMES FOR BOTH INBOUND AND OUTBOUND FLIGHTS AND ARGUED THIS WOULD FACILITATE THEIR OPERATION IN BASC WITHOUT CAUSING U.S. PROBLEMS.

3. ALLIED CHIEFS CLOSED MEETING BY STATING THAT THEY SHARED SOVIETS' CONCERN FOR AIR SAFETY AND NOW THAT THEY HAD FORMALLY MET AND CLARIFIED THESE ISSUES THEY WOULD RELAY INFORMATION TO THEIR AUTHORITIES. WE ARE REQUESTING SECOND MEETING IN BASC FEBRUARY 21.

4. USCOB CONCURS.KLEIN

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